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Application of: George Kukolj, et al) Confirm. No.: 9062
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to a communication from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, which communication was mailed on September 12, 2006. In that communication, a three-month shortened statutory period was set for response. Applicants hereby petition for the necessary one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and note that the fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 are paid during electronic filing via the Revenue Accounting and Management System. Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Response, authorization to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955 is provided during electronic filing via the Revenue Accounting and Management System. In addition, applicants request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and hereby authorizes that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page four (4) of this paper.